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Transmitted herewith is the patent application of () application identifier or (X) first named inventor, Ronald A. Dingman et al., entitled AN APPARATUS HAVING A BOTTOM OPENING POCKET, for a(n):

(X) Original Patent Application.

() Continuing Application (prior application not abandoned):

() Continuation () Divisional () Continuation-in-part (CIP)
of prior Application No. _____, filed on _____.

() A statement claiming priority under 35 USC § 120 has been added to the specification.

(X) A statement claiming priority under 35 USC § 119(e) has been added to the specification. (for provisional conv.)

Enclosed are:

(X) Specification; 19 Total Pages. (X) Drawing(s); 6 Total Sheets.

(X) Oath or Declaration:

(X) A Newly Executed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney:

(X) Signed. () Unsigned. () Partially Signed.

() A Copy from a Prior Application for Continuation/Divisional (37 CFR § 1.63(d)).

() Incorporation by Reference. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated herein by reference.

() Signed Statement Deleting Inventor(s) Named in the Prior Application. (37 CFR § 163(d)(2)).

() Power of Attorney

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() Preliminary Amendment

(X) Information Disclosure Citation (Form A820/PTO-1449)
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() Certified Copy of Priority Documents
(if foreign priority is claimed)

(X) Recordation Form Cover Sheet

(X) Applicant asserts small entity status

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() Other:

| CLAIMS AS FILED | | | | |
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| Total Claims | 20 | 0 | \$9.00 | \$0.00 |
| Independent Claims | 3 | 0 | \$43.00 | \$0.00 |
| Multiple Dependent Claim Fee (if applicable) | | | | \$0.00 |
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